was swallowed in season; which being done, no one was ever known to be in danger of his life from this cause.

The snagröel has had a great many rivals in the character of specifics against the bite of serpents. So great, indeed, is the number of articles which are called uniformly successful in such cases, that we are compelled to believe, that the bite of the rattle snake, and doubtless of other venomous serpents in the country, although attended with severe and alarming consequences, is nevertheless but seldom fatal; and hence that the honor of proving specific in these cases is one of cheap acquisition.

The Serpentaria grows in woods in the Southern and Middle parts of the United States. It bears cultivation in any part of the union, though the most northerly situation, from which I have received wild specimens, is the vicinity of New Haven, from which place some living plants were sent to me by Dr. Monson.

The genus *Aristolochia* has *a monopetalous, tubular, crooked corolla, swelling at base, and dilated at the border. Capsule inferior, six celled.* The species *Serpentaria* has its *leaves heart-shaped, oblong, acuminate; stem flexuous; peduncles radical.* Pursh mentions a variety with